DOUBLEDUCK
CACCIATORI E PREDE
TERZO EPISODIO

IN THE PREVIOUS INSTALLMENT THE AGENCY IS NOW BEING DIRECTED BY HEAD H, WHO HAS GIVEN HIS AGENTS 24 HOURS TO CAPTURE MR. JAY J. IT SEEMS THAT THE EX-CHIEF IS NOW A SPY! ON HIS TRAIL, DOUBLEDUCK AND KAY K STUMBLE UPON THE MEEK LIZ ZAGO, WHO'S IN POSSESSION OF A PRECIOUS BOOK...

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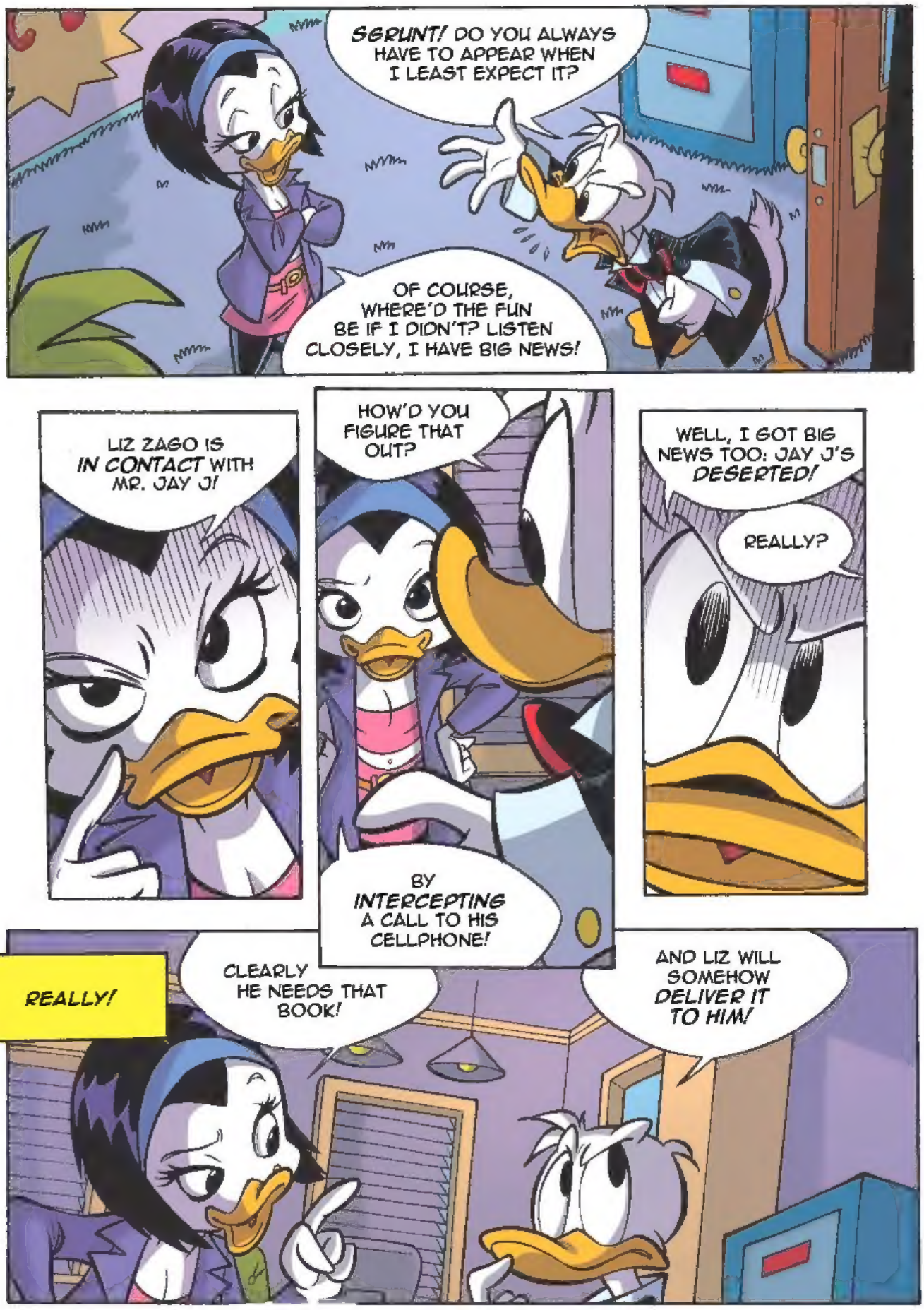
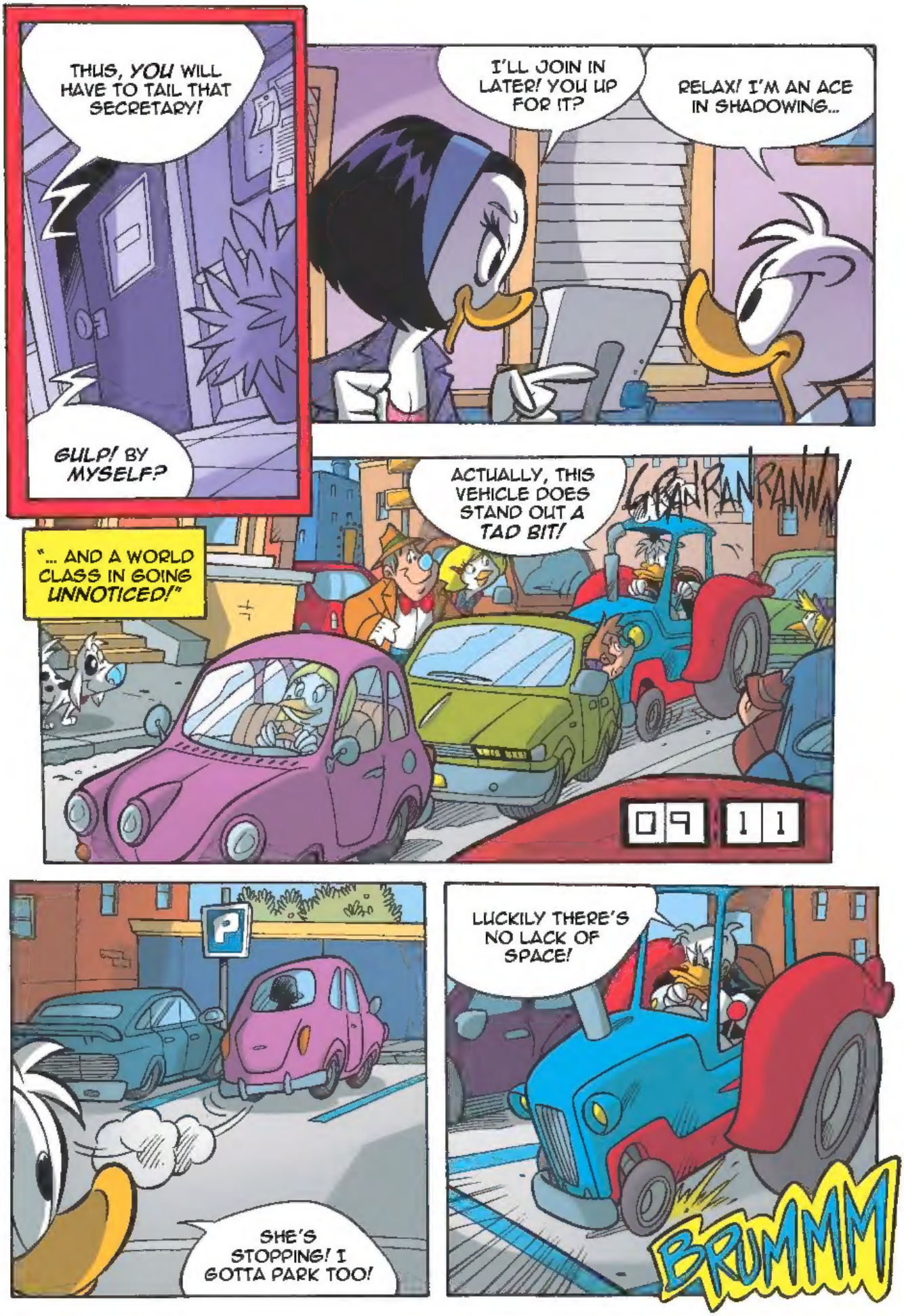

SGRUNT! DO YOU ALWAYS HAVE TO APPEAR WHEN I LEAST EXPECT IT?
OF COURSE, WHERE'D THE FUN BE IF I DIDN'T? LISTEN CLOSELY, I HAVE BIG NEWS!
LIZ ZAGO IS IN CONTACT WITH MR. JAY J!
HOW'D YOU FIGURE THAT OUT?
BY INTERCEPTING A CALL TO HIS CELLPHONE!
WELL, I GOT BIG NEWS TOO: JAY J'S DESERTED!
REALLY?
REALLY!
CLEARLY HE NEEDS THAT BOOK!
AND LIZ WILL SOMEHOW DELIVER IT TO HIM!


THUS, YOU WILL HAVE TO TAIL THAT SECRETARY!
GULP! BY MYSELF?
I'LL JOIN IN LATER! YOU UP FOR IT?
RELAX! I'M AN ACE IN SHADOWING...
"... AND A WORLD CLASS IN GOING UNNOTICED!"
ACTUALLY, THIS VEHICLE DOES STAND OUT A TAD BIT!
GRRRRRRRRR
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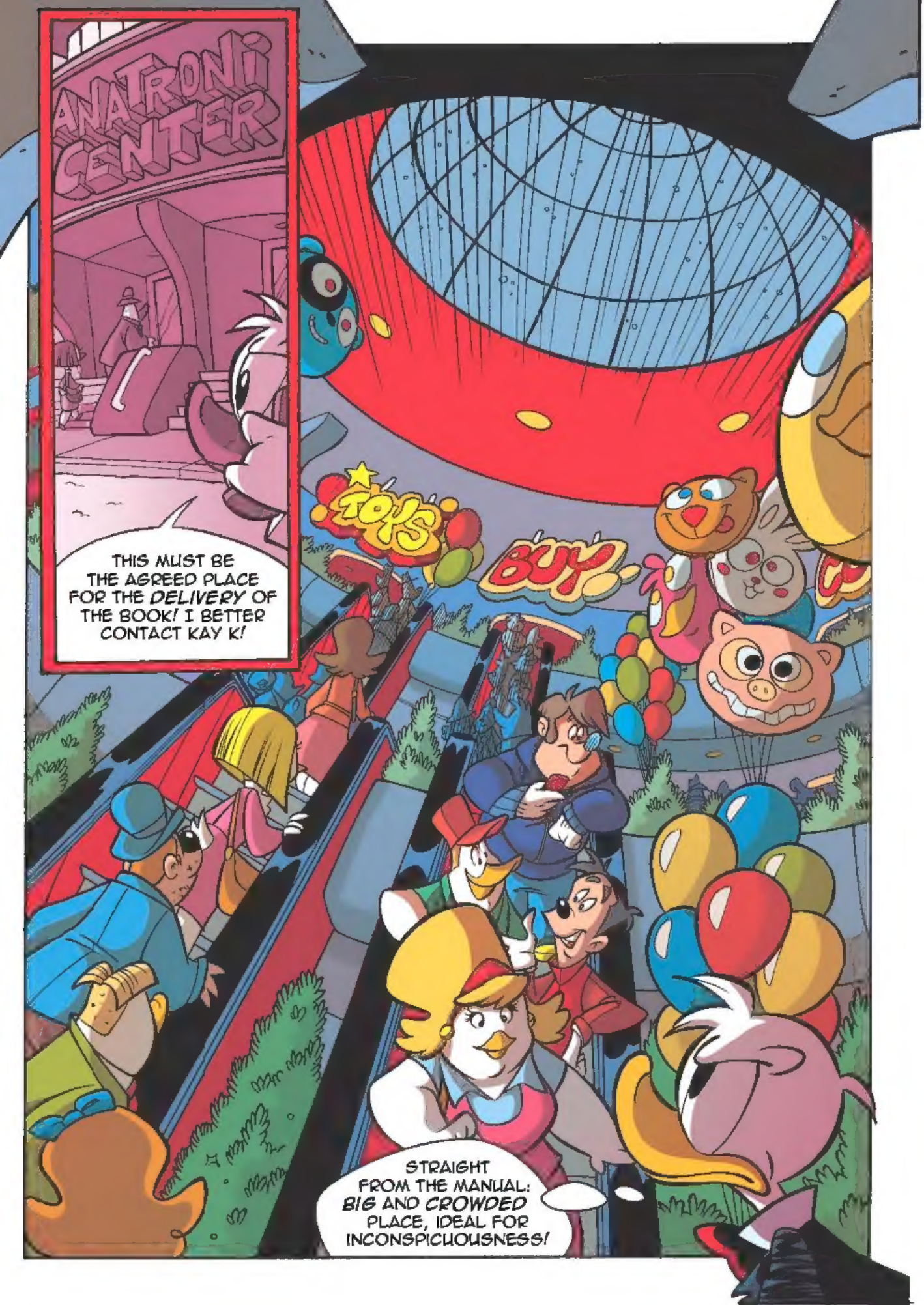
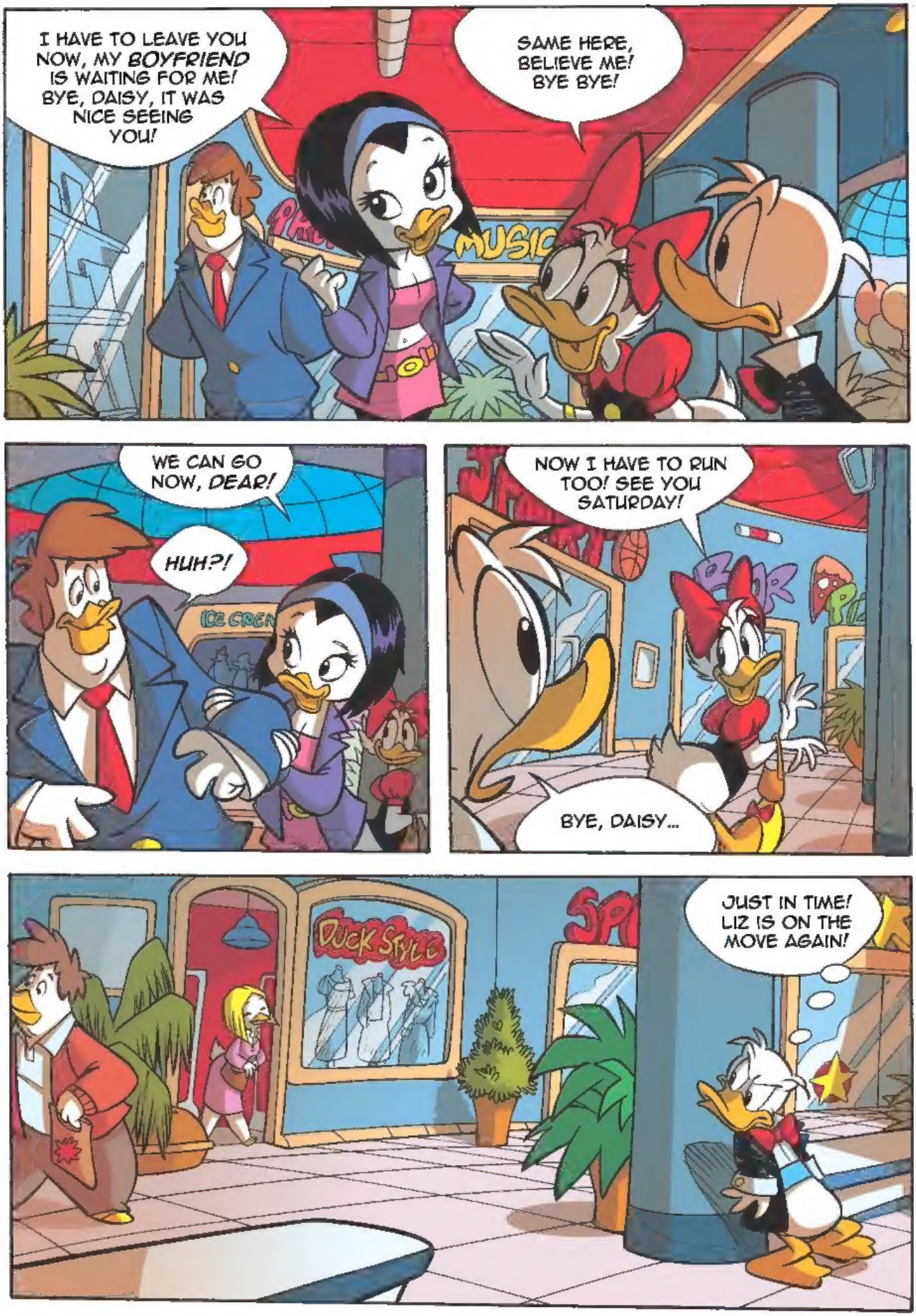
SHE'S STOPPING! I GOTTA PARK TOO!
LUCKILY THERE'S NO LACK OF SPACE!
BRUMMM


ANATRONI CENTER
THIS MUST BE THE AGREED PLACE FOR THE *DELIVERY* OF THE BOOK! I BETTER CONTACT KAY K!
TOYS
BUY
STRAIGHT FROM THE MANUAL: *BIG* AND *CROWDED* PLACE, IDEAL FOR INCONSPICUOUSNESS!

FRUTTA E VERDURA
DUCK STYLE

HERE I AM, DOUBLEDUCK! WHERE'S LIZ ZAGO?
SHE WENT INTO THAT SHOP!
DUCKSTYLE
BUT FIRST SHE BOUGHT THREE BANANAS!
DON'T BE FOOLED, IT MUST BE A TACTIC!
THERE EXISTS A TACTIC USING BANANAS?!
I MEAN SHE'S PRET-ENDING TO GO SHOPPING!
WHILE IN REALITY...
LOOK WHO IT IS!
ARGH! DAISY!
GRRR! I WARNED YOU THAT, IF I CAUGHT YOU AGAIN WITH HER, I'D MAKE YOU FEATHER-LESS! *
* SEE THE FIRST DOUBLEDUCK.

DAISY, WHAT A COINCIDENCE! WE WERE JUST TALKING ABOUT YOU!
ABOUT... ME?!
NO USE TO PRETEND, NOW THAT WE'VE BEEN DISCOVERED!
HUH? I DON'T UNDERSTAND...
I WAS HELPING DONALD CHOOSING WHAT TUXEDO TO WEAR WHEN TAKING YOU TO THE OPERA! IT WAS TO BE A SURPRISE!
Y-YEAH! THE PREMIER OF "LOVESTRUCK", SCHEDULED SATURDAY NIGHT!
EEEH?!
BUT... THE TICKETS COST TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS!
SGURGLE! THAT MUCH?!
THAT IS... YOU'RE WORTH THAT AND MORE!
OH YOU'RE A DAAARLING!


I HAVE TO LEAVE YOU NOW, MY BOYFRIEND IS WAITING FOR ME! BYE, DAISY, IT WAS NICE SEEING YOU!
SAME HERE, BELIEVE ME! BYE BYE!
MUSIC
WE CAN GO NOW, DEAR!
HUH?!
ICE CREA
NOW I HAVE TO RUN TOO! SEE YOU SATURDAY!
BYE, DAISY...
DUCK STYLE
JUST IN TIME! LIZ IS ON THE MOVE AGAIN!

SORRY FOR THE DELAY! IT TOOK A WHILE TO GET RID OF MY "BOYFRIEND"!
I FIGURED! BY THE WAY, YOU COULDN'T HAVE FOUND A LESS EXPENSIVE EXCUSE?
ALSO, OPERA IS A BORE!
SEE THERE! OUR SECRETARY'S CHANGED PLANS!
LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE: YOU'LL BE BORED WITH ALL YOUR FEATHERS INTACT!
SHE'S GOING TO A MOVIE THAT'S ALREADY STARTED! ODD BEHAVIOR!
EXACTLY! I DON'T THINK SHE'S INTERESTED IN THE MOVIE!
WILD PRAIRIES
X-DUCK
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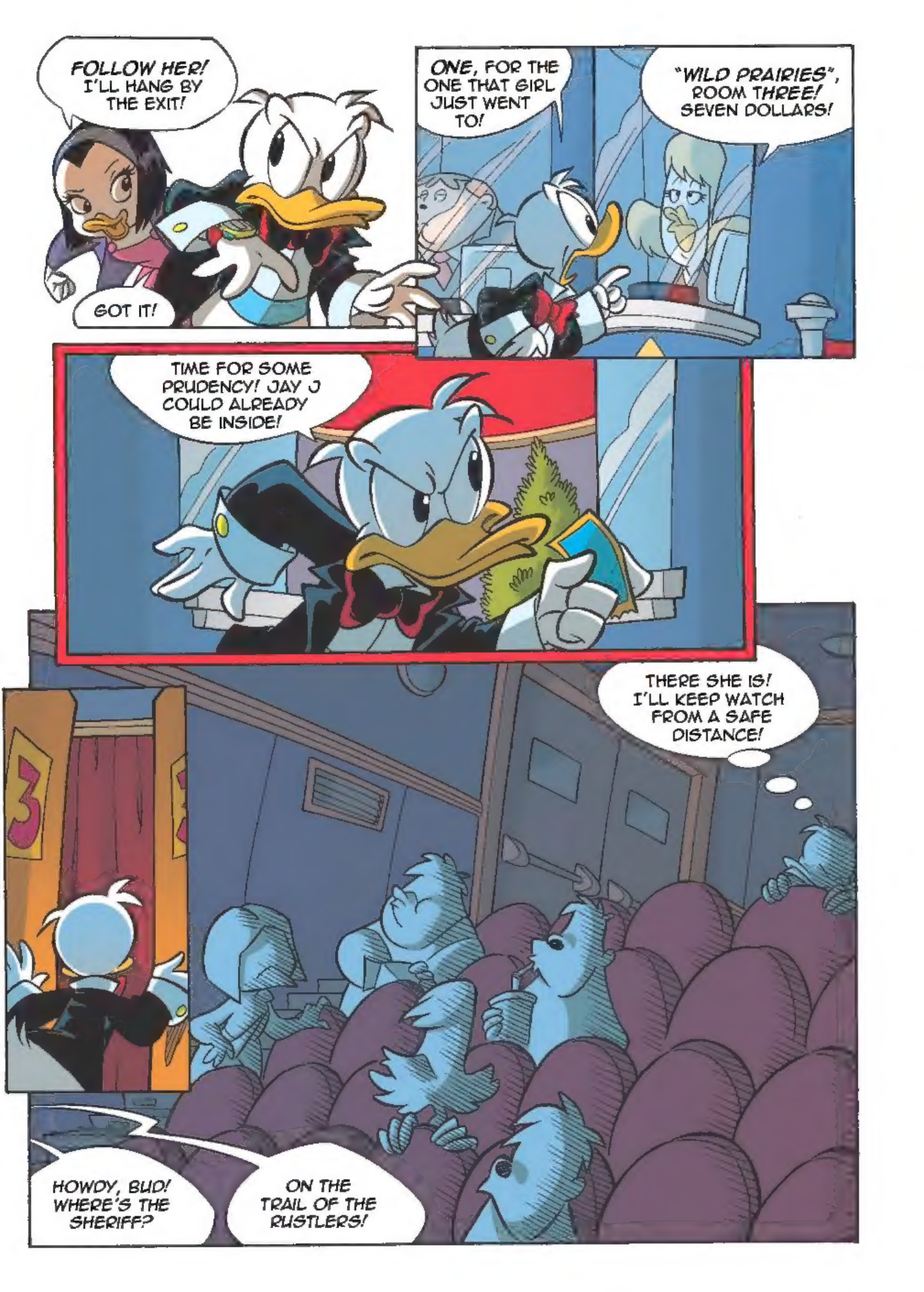
FOLLOW HER! I'LL HANG BY THE EXIT!
GOT IT!
ONE, FOR THE ONE THAT GIRL JUST WENT TO!
"WILD PRAIRIES", ROOM THREE! SEVEN DOLLARS!
TIME FOR SOME PRUDENCY! JAY J COULD ALREADY BE INSIDE!
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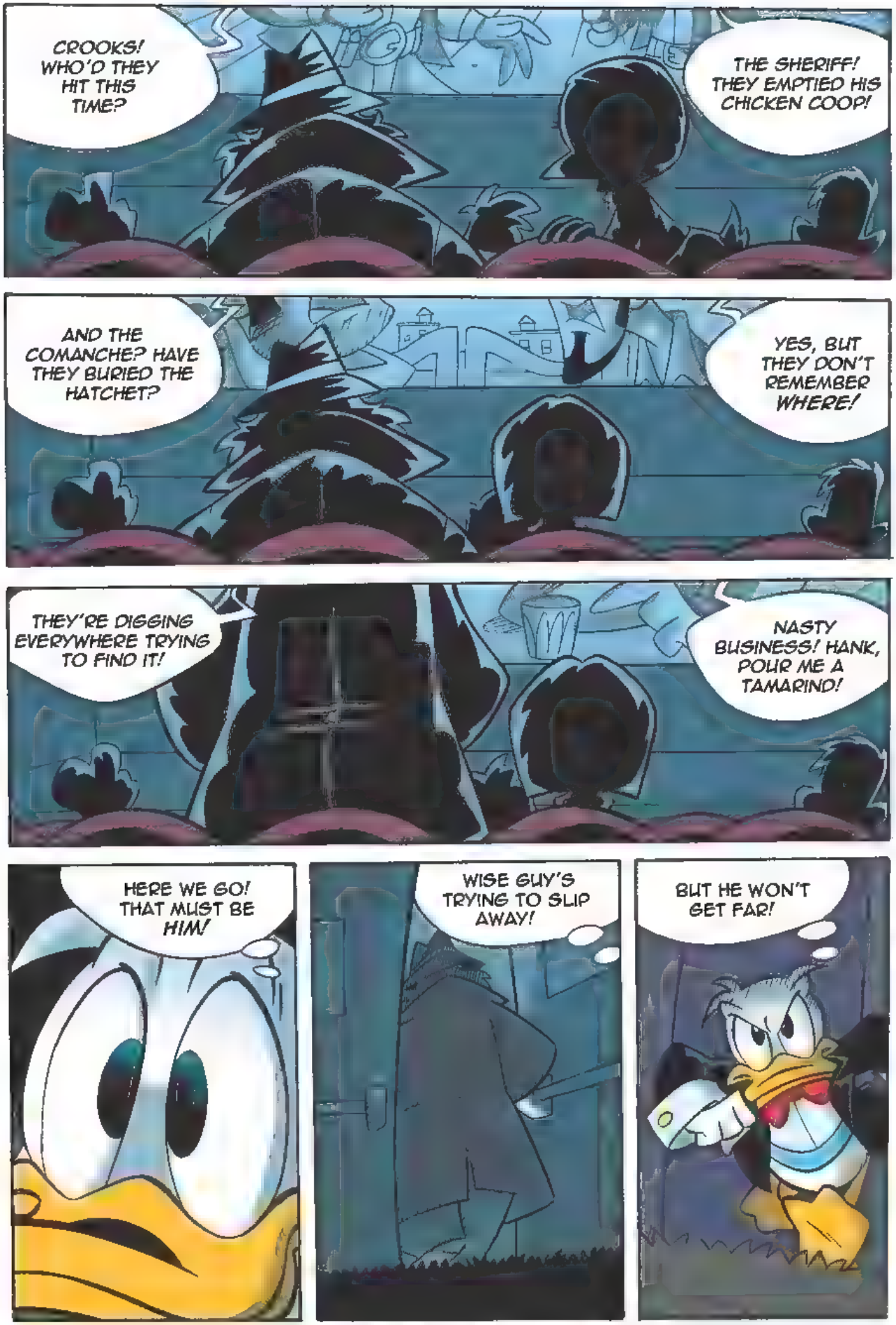
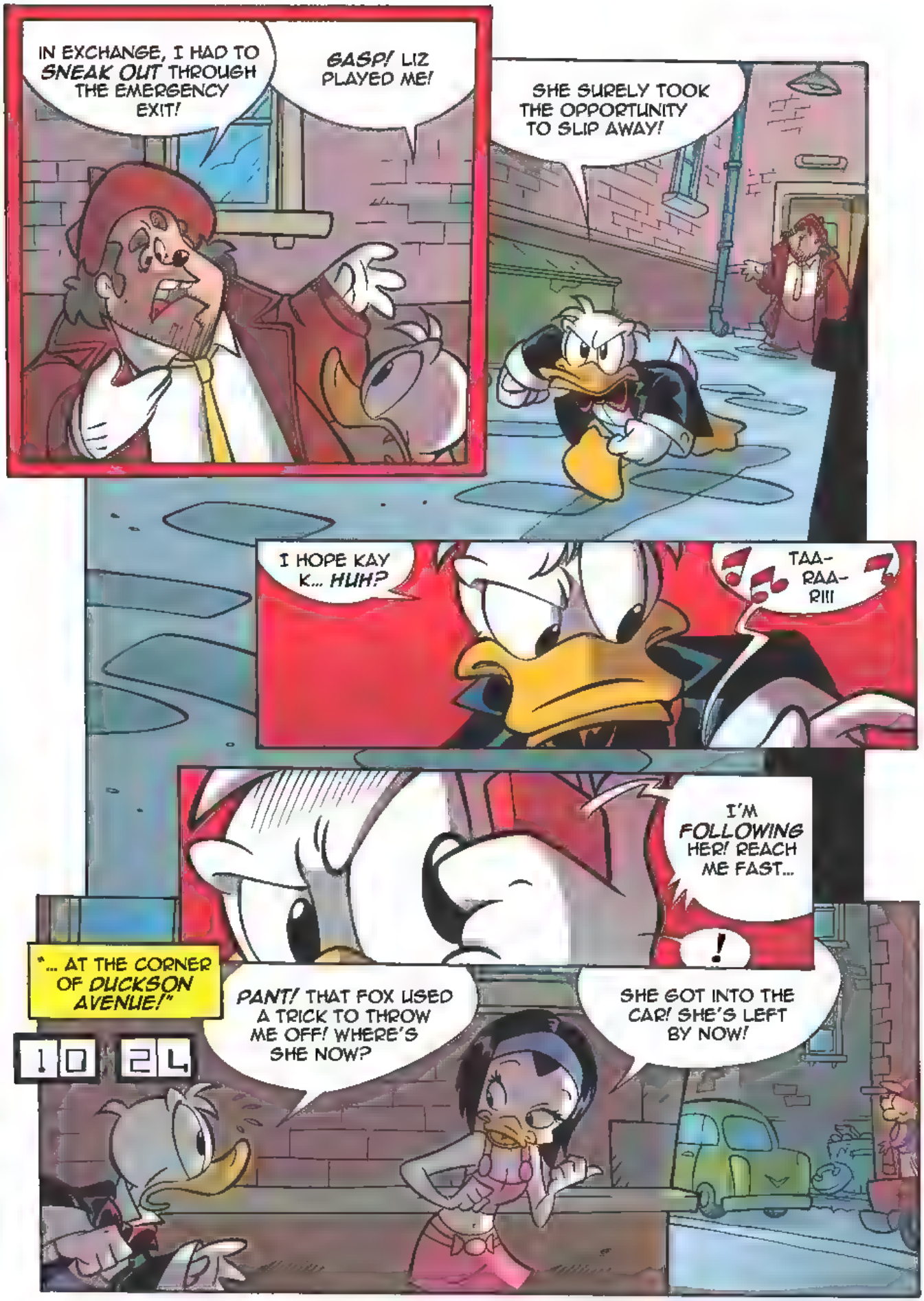
THERE SHE IS! I'LL KEEP WATCH FROM A SAFE DISTANCE!
HOWDY, BUD! WHERE'S THE SHERIFF?
ON THE TRAIL OF THE RUSTLERS!


CROOKS! WHO'D THEY HIT THIS TIME?
THE SHERIFF! THEY EMPTIED HIS CHICKEN COOP!
AND THE COMANCHE? HAVE THEY BURIED THE HATCHET?
YES, BUT THEY DON'T REMEMBER WHERE!
THEY'RE DIGGING EVERYWHERE TRYING TO FIND IT!
NASTY BUSINESS! HANK, POUR ME A TAMARIND!
HERE WE GO! THAT MUST BE HIM!
WISE GUY'S TRYING TO SLIP AWAY!
BUT HE WON'T GET FAR!

STOP WHERE YOU ARE, MR. JAY J! THE GIG'S UP!
?!
W-WHAT DO YOU WANT?
GLAB!
YOU'RE NOT JAY J!
THAT I'M NOT! MY NAME'S UBALDO!
AND WHY WERE YOU LEAVING?
FOR A HUNDRED DOLLARS! I LIKED THE MOVIE, BUT I WAS HANDED IT BY A LADY...
"... WHO JUST SAT DOWN NEXT TO ME!"


IN EXCHANGE, I HAD TO SNEAK OUT THROUGH THE EMERGENCY EXIT!
GASP! LIZ PLAYED ME!
SHE SURELY TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO SLIP AWAY!
I HOPE KAY K... HUH?
TAA-RAA-R!!!
I'M FOLLOWING HER! REACH ME FAST...
!
"... AT THE CORNER OF DUCKSON AVENUE!"
PANT! THAT FOX USED A TRICK TO THROW ME OFF! WHERE'S SHE NOW?
SHE GOT INTO THE CAR! SHE'S LEFT BY NOW!
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AND YOU LET HER GO?
RELAX, EVERY-THING'S UNDER CONTROL!
BEFORE HEADING TO THE PARKING LOT SHE CAME HERE AND...
... PUT A PACKAGE IN THE TRASHCAN!
A PACKAGE THE SIZE OF A BOOK...
WHICH, SURELY, SOMEONE'S GONNA COME *PICK UP!*
SO, NOTHING TO DO BUT WAIT!
FOLLOW ME! WE'LL WAIT IN THE VAN!
HUH? WHAT VAN?
MINE! I THOUGHT IT'D BE USEFUL...

"... AND SO I RENTED ONE!"
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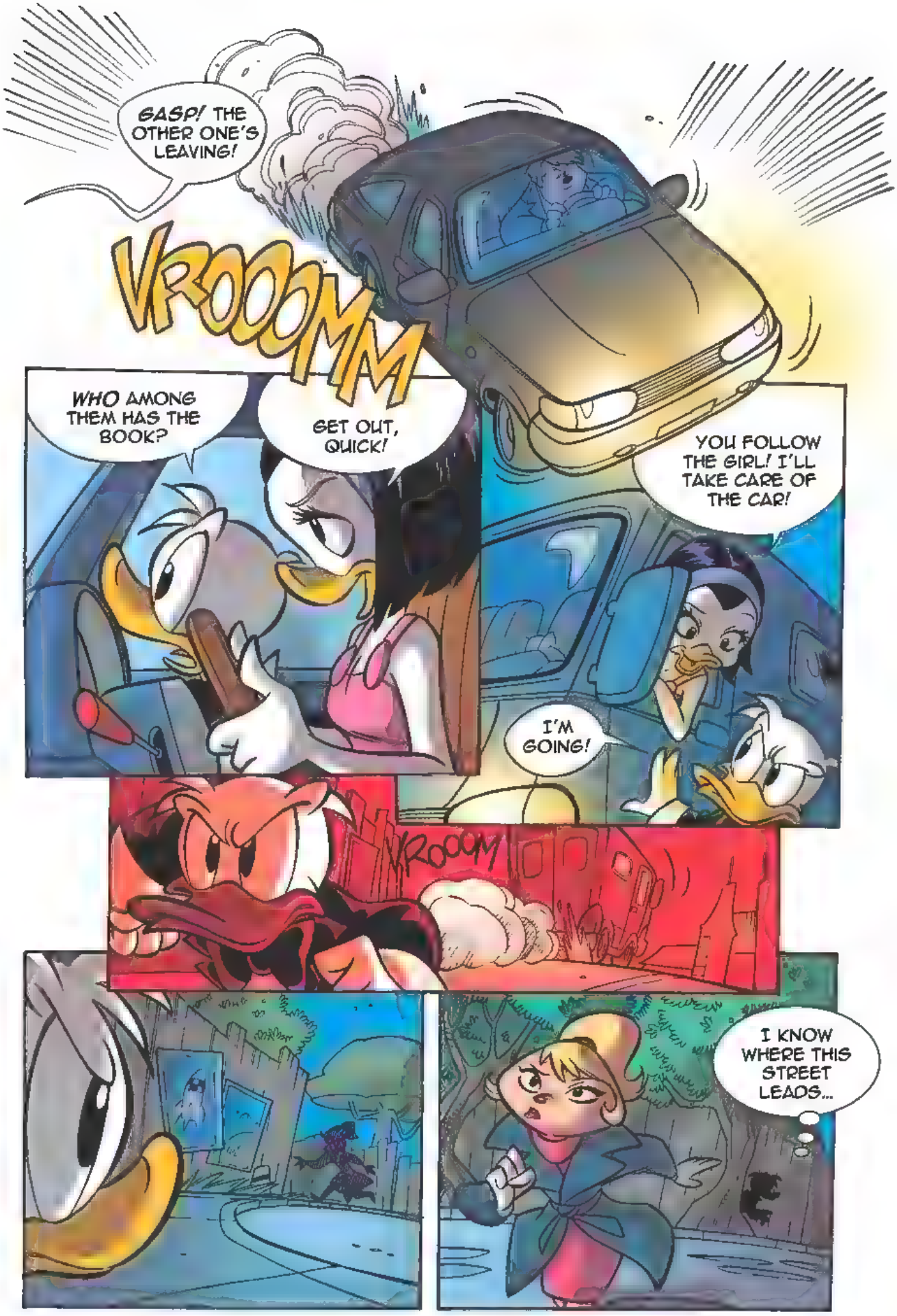
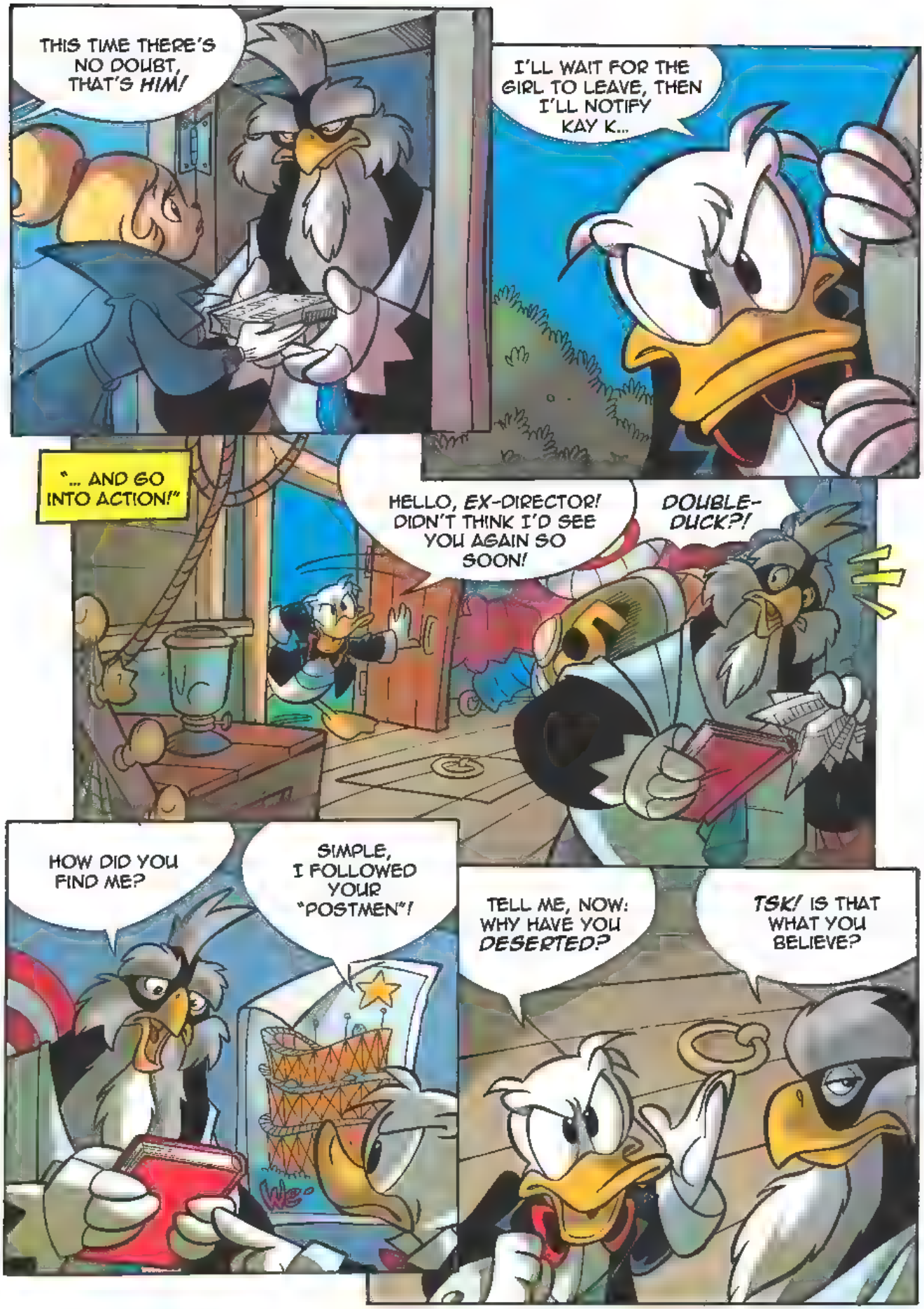
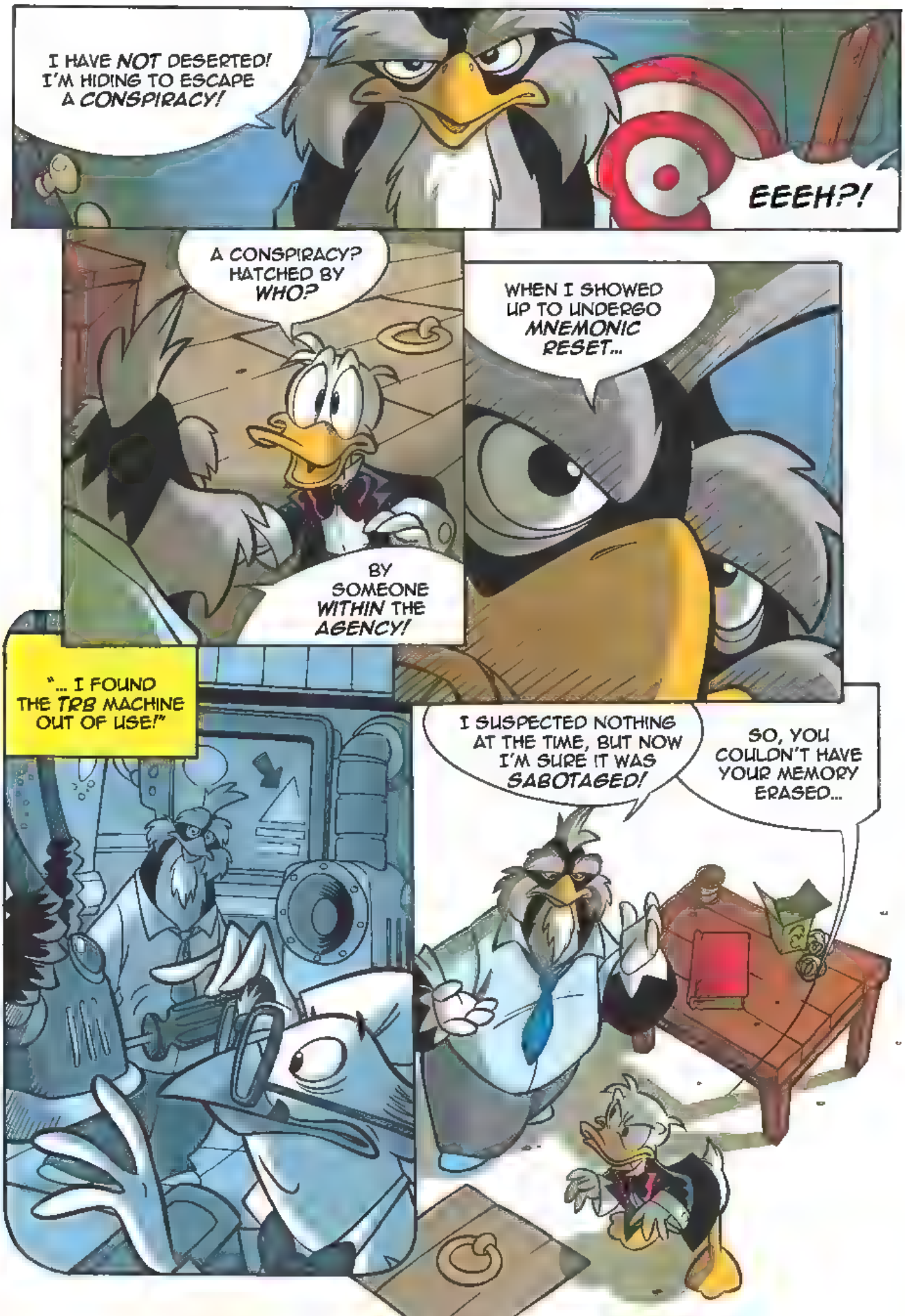
WERE WE MISTAKEN? IT'S THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT AND THE PACKAGE IS STILL THERE!
HAVE FAITH, DD! IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME!
YEAH, TIME TO SLEEP! I'M DEAD TIRED!
IN THIS GAME YOU GOTTA HAVE PATIENCE!
HEY! CHECK OUT THAT CHICK!
SHE'S TAKING THE BOOK!
THERE ARE TWO OF THEM! CERTAINLY SENT MY MR. JAY J!
AND NOW THEY'LL TAKE US TO HIM!

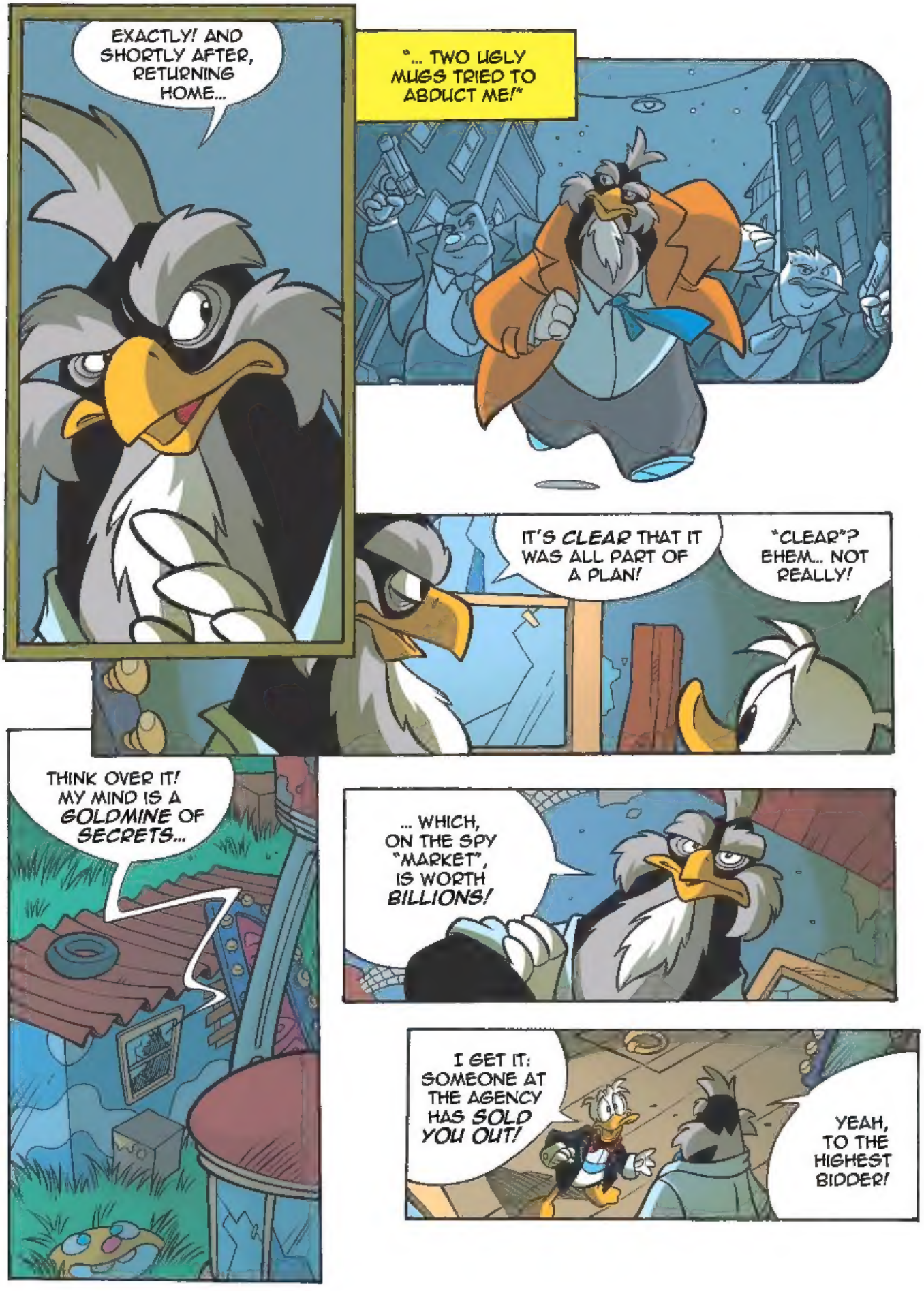
THEY'VE STOPPED! JAY J MUST BE HIDING NEARBY!
GET READY, WE'LL FOLLOW THEM ON FOOT!

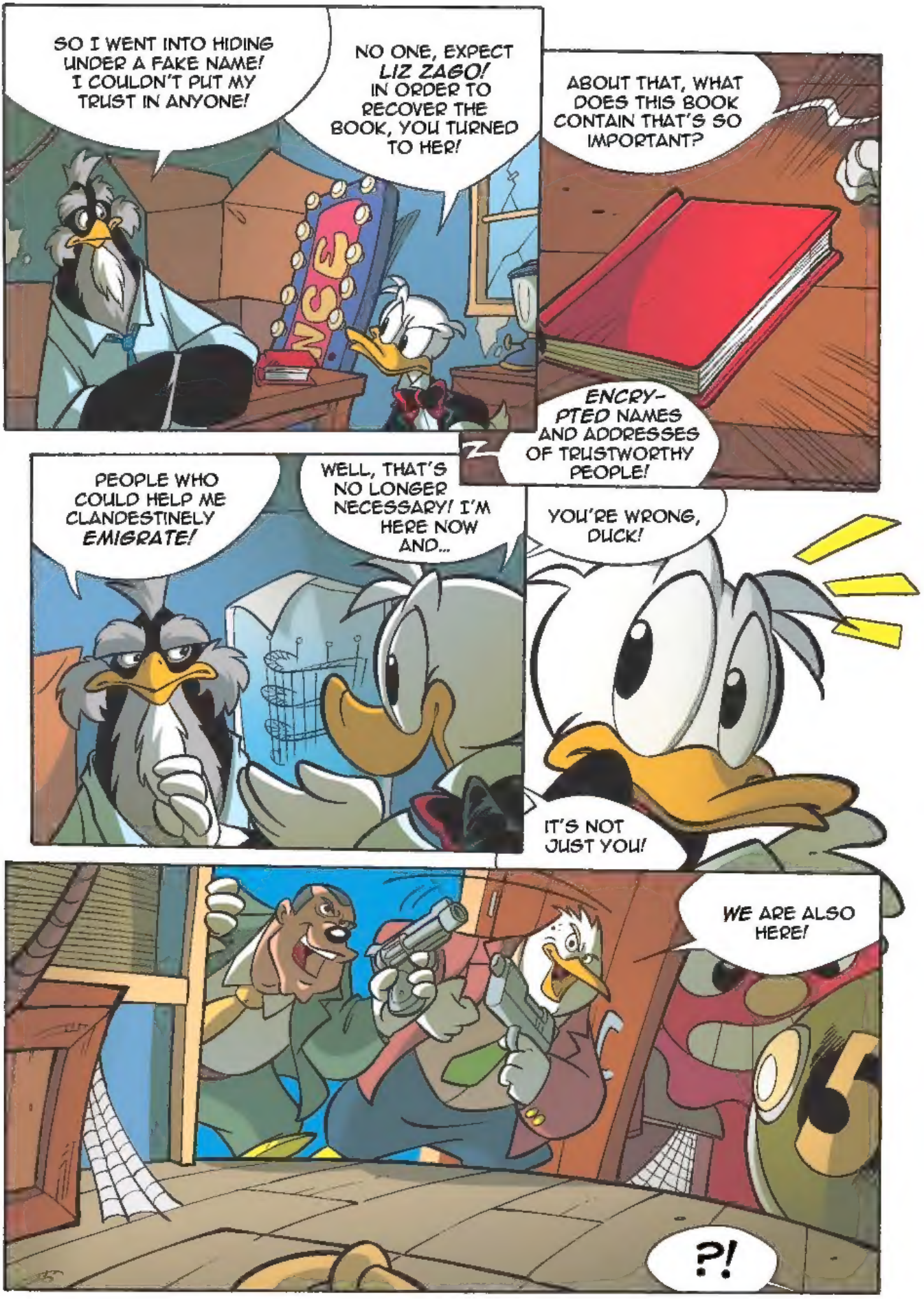

GASP! THE OTHER ONE'S LEAVING!
VROOOMM
WHO AMONG THEM HAS THE BOOK?
GET OUT, QUICK!
YOU FOLLOW THE GIRL! I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE CAR!
I'M GOING!
VROOOM
I KNOW WHERE THIS STREET LEADS...

"... TO THE ABANDONED AMUSEMENT PARK SEAGULL ISLAND!"
TICKETS
NO ENTRY


THIS TIME THERE'S NO DOUBT, THAT'S HIM!
I'LL WAIT FOR THE GIRL TO LEAVE, THEN I'LL NOTIFY KAY K...
"... AND GO INTO ACTION!"
HELLO, EX-DIRECTOR! DIDN'T THINK I'D SEE YOU AGAIN SO SOON!
DOUBLE-DUCK?!
HOW DID YOU FIND ME?
SIMPLE, I FOLLOWED YOUR "POSTMEN"!
TELL ME, NOW: WHY HAVE YOU DESERTED?
TSK! IS THAT WHAT YOU BELIEVE?

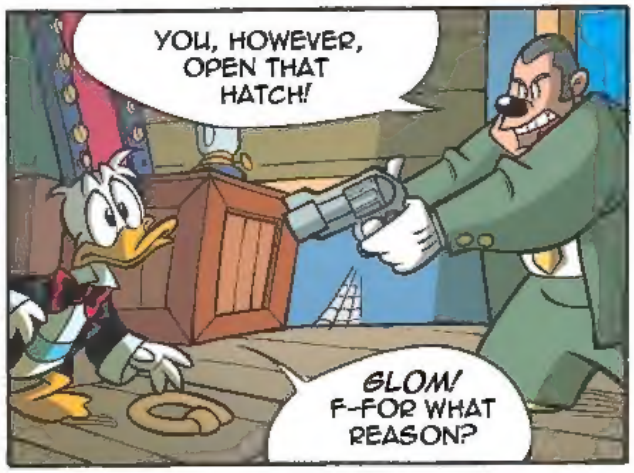

I HAVE NOT DESERTED! I'M HIDING TO ESCAPE A CONSPIRACY!
EEEH?!
A CONSPIRACY? HATCHED BY WHO?
BY SOMEONE WITHIN THE AGENCY!
WHEN I SHOWED UP TO UNDERGO MNEMONIC RESET...
"... I FOUND THE TRB MACHINE OUT OF USE!"
I SUSPECTED NOTHING AT THE TIME, BUT NOW I'M SURE IT WAS SABOTAGED!
SO, YOU COULDN'T HAVE YOUR MEMORY ERASED...

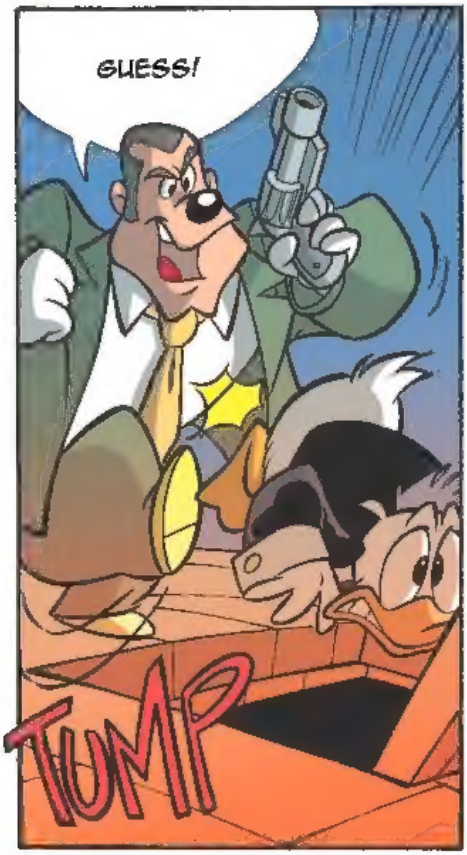

EXACTLY! AND SHORTLY AFTER, RETURNING HOME...
"... TWO UGLY MUGS TRIED TO ABDUCT ME!"
IT'S CLEAR THAT IT WAS ALL PART OF A PLAN!
"CLEAR"? EHEM... NOT REALLY!
THINK OVER IT! MY MIND IS A GOLDMINE OF SECRETS...
... WHICH, ON THE SPY "MARKET", IS WORTH BILLIONS!
I GET IT: SOMEONE AT THE AGENCY HAS SOLD YOU OUT!
YEAH, TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER!


SO I WENT INTO HIDING UNDER A FAKE NAME! I COULDN'T PUT MY TRUST IN ANYONE!
NO ONE, EXPECT *LIZ ZAGO!* IN ORDER TO RECOVER THE BOOK, YOU TURNED TO HER!
ABOUT THAT, WHAT DOES THIS BOOK CONTAIN THAT'S SO IMPORTANT?
ENCRY-PTED NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF TRUSTWORTHY PEOPLE!
PEOPLE WHO COULD HELP ME CLANDESTINELY *EMIGRATE!*
WELL, THAT'S NO LONGER NECESSARY! I'M HERE NOW AND...
YOU'RE WRONG, DUCK!
IT'S NOT JUST YOU!
WE ARE ALSO HERE!
?!

GASP! THE THUGS WHO WANTED TO KIDNAP ME!
I KNOW THEM, THEY'VE ABDUCTED ME TOO!
GOOD, THEN WE WON'T HAVE TO MAKE INTRODUCTIONS!

YOU'LL COME WITH US QUIETLY, JAY J! IT WILL BE GOOD FOR YOUR HEALTH!
NO ENTRY
ALRIGHT, YOU WIN!


YOU, HOWEVER, OPEN THAT HATCH!
GLOM! F-FOR WHAT REASON?


GUESS!
TUMP

WE'RE DONE HERE! LET'S GO!

GROAN! TO THOSE TWO, LOCKING ME UP IN THE DARK...
... HAS BECOME A HABIT! HOW DO I GET FREE NOW? THEY MUST HAVE BLOCKED THE HATCH!
I'LL CALL KAY K... ULP! SHE'S HERE ALREADY?!
YOU WERE QUICK TO... ARGH!
HELLO, DOUBLEDUCK!
YOU GOT AWAY FROM ME AT THE TOWER, BUT THIS TIME I WILL NOT MISS THE TARGET!
GOMES! SO, THE MYSTERIOUS SHOOTER WAS YOU!
WILL OUR HERO MANAGE TO GET OUT OF THIS ONE? THE ANSWER IS IN THE FOURTH AND FINAL PART OF HUNTERS AND PREY!